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SUBJECT: DIRECT ELECTION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

REF: BRUSSELS 01445

1. AS A FOLLOW-UP TO EMBASSY BRUSSEL'S VERY HELPFUL CABLE (REFTEL) ON DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF LEGISLATIVE PREPARATIONS IN THE FRG.
2. NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE POLITICAL PARTIES ON THE FORM OF THE ELECTORAL BILL ARE EXPECTED TO CONCLUDE SHORTLY. VIRTUAL AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON A SYSTEM OF COMBINED STATE LISTS. THE PROSPECTIVE AGREEMENT REPRESENTS A COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE SPD/FDP GOVERNING COALITION (WHICH FAVORS A NATIONAL LIST) AND THE CDU/CSU OPPOSITION (WHICH SUPPORTS LAND LISTS). UNDER THE SYSTEM ENVISAGED,
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78 FRG REPRESENTATIVES (NOT INCLUDING 3 REPS FROM BERLIN) WOULD BE ELECTED TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ON THE BASIS OF PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER ON THE MECHANICS OF THE SYSTEM AFTER ITS FINAL FORM HAS BEEN AGREED TO BY THE PARTIES.

3. THE PROPOSED ELECTORAL LAW WILL UNDERGO ITS SECOND

AND THIRD READINGS IN THE BUNDESTAG ON MARCH 16;
APPROVAL IS EXPECTED. THE ELECTORAL BILL IS CURRENTLY
SCHEDULED FOR BUNDESRAT ACTION ON APRIL 17 AND HERE,
TOO, QUICK PASSAGE IS ANTICIPATED. IF THE TIMETABLE
HOLDS THE ELECTORAL BILL WILL BE SIGNED INTO LAW BY
PRESIDENT SCHEEL SOMETIME IN JUNE.
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